(c) what was the quantum of wagons for which orders were placed by the Railways during 1994-95;

(d) whether it is a fact that despite a surge in demand for wagon no orders have yet been placed by the Railways for the year 1995-96, throwing the wagon industry on the verge of closure from April 1, 1995; and

(d) whether Government are aware that apart from throwing the Railways freight movement plans out of gear, this would adversely affect livelihood of more than 1,50,000 wokrmen and their families, connected with wagon building industry and its ancilliaries?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The peaking of traffic during January—March leads to time leg between demand and supply of wagons.

(b) Orders were placed for 12000 wagons in terms of four wheeler units.

(c) and (d) Acquisition of wagons is need based. Accordingly 12000 wagons in terms of four wheelers have been provided for in the 95-96 Budget Of these, 1200 four wheelers are for Railway Workshops and balance 10,800 wagons (4-wheeler units) will be ordered shortly on wagon industry. In addition, sizeable quantity of wagons are likely to get added under Own Your Wagon Scheme.

Allotment of bookstalls to unemployed graduates

4657. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government under their letter Nos. 75/TG. III/461/19 of 15th November, 1975 and 82/TG. III/461/5 of 6th February, 1985 had decided that bookstalls on new passenger platforms, which were constructed/added on or after 1st January, 1976 would be awarded to unemployed graduates;

(b) if so, what are the details of such bookstalls allotted with the names of stations zone-wise;

(c) whether Government vide their letter No. 88/TG. III/461/4/CA III of 4th May, 1989, had imposed some restrictions for allotment of bookstalls to unemployed graduates on those new passenger platforms constructed or added on or after 1st January, 1976; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Touts in railway reservation office at Ernakulam

4658. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many unauthorised agents, anti social elements and blackmarketeers in the rail reservations were arrested by Railway Protection Force, Railway Vigilance during the last three years at Ernakulam Railway Junction year-wise details thereof;

(b) how many arrests and raids did take place with details thereof including the date, number of personnel arrested, number of bogus reservation tickets seized, the amount of money used to purchase these tickets seized and other relevant details;

(c) whether it is a fact that these agents are being assisted by the counter reservation employees and other railway personnel;

(d) how many railway reservation employees and other personnel were caught or found assisting these agents to book reservations and corner the reservations to the disadvantage of genuine passengers during the last three years; and

(e) what steps are being taken to get rid of these agents from Ernakulam Railway Reservation Office and also from the Station premises?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The year-wise details are as under:

Year	No. of raids date (s)	No. of seized	Tickets value	Persons arrested	Fine realised
			Rs.		Rs.
1992	1 27-10-92	10	2,510	1	..
1993	2 17-2-93 and 20-2-93	..	..	2	1750
1994	.. ..	..	..	..	..
1995	3 24-1-95 28-1-95 and 24-2-95	..	..	3	700

(c) and (d) One Railway employee was arrested in 1992 by Railway Vigilance.

(e) Frequent checks are conducted by special squads of Commercial, RPF and Railway Vigilance to prevent/detect such unauthorised agents at Ernakulam Railway premises and at other places.

Education in the Annual Plan 1994-95 by the Railways

4659. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have reduced an amount of Rs. 300 cr. from the amount sanctioned for the Annual Plan 1994-95?

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what would be its impact on the ongoing Railways project state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Railways' Annual Plan for 1994-95 has been reduced by Rs. 260 cr. due to reduction in procurement of wagons from 18000 to 12000 (in terms of 4-wheelers). The procurement were reassessed on the basis of improved asset utilisation and need based requirement.

(c) The reduction is mainly under Plan Head Rolling Stock and Inventories. There will be no adverse impact on the ongoing Railway's projects.

Introduction of Palace-on-Wheels train

4660. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce the Palace-on-Wheels train to cover Western India region especially Gujarat, Maharashtra and Goa, to attract foreign tourists;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposed Circuit, its salient features and by when it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) what could be the charges and how much time it will take to cover the entire States, separately alongwith the prorata reservation quota to be allocated in each tourist Railway Station?